

Torrance, North Combos Pick Up Hoop Decisions.

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VALLEY SCALPS EL CAMINO

The Fearless Spectator

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As I churn out these little etudes on foolscap and with quill, my kindly editor stands over me, knout in hand, and asks, "Where's the sex angle?" I can assure you it ain't always easy in the sporting world, which is why I'm grateful to Mr. Walter O'Malley.

Mr. O'Malley and money, one of the great romances of our time, continues to blaze away in the city of the Angels, where the owner of the Dodgers is building a huge, great stadium in Chavez Ravine, the better to send his grandchildren to Yale. In the stadium, which is to open for the 1962 season in April, Mr. O'Malley has some startling innovations (like 24 ladies' powder rooms) but none is more sweeping than the love-seat section for the young. And presumably distracted.

"It would take old Walter to get sex into baseball," said a long-time admirer of the Brooklyn lawyer. Meaning me. Mr. O'Malley is a man of parts. He is said to be the Svengali who gave the mixed blessing of Mr. Horace Stoneham and the New York Giants to San Francisco. "Horace," he said, "go West and grow up with the country." Horace did, and he's been growing up ever since.

In his eagerness to fatten the take of the Internal Revenue Service, Mr. O'Malley is going to have a section at Chavez Ravine for young folk who need more than baseball to keep them occupied of a warm afternoon. The section will consist of pairs of normal seats with the middle arm taken out. Thereafter, presumably, the Dodger management intends to let nature take its course.

Baseball is said to be a dying game (mostly by owners of professional football teams) but if there's anything that can give it a shot in the arm, surely it's the love seat. What red-blooded American couple would decline to push out two and a half fish for three hours of casual canoodling in the sunshine? This could be the biggest thing Southern California has given us since the drive-in movie.

In fact, it would be entirely possible to forget the baseball entirely, which may be what the canny Mr. O'Malley has in the recesses of his sinuous intelligence. One really has to be emotionally ambidextrous, in my view, to handle baseball and love simultaneously. If you have emotion to spare after making love, you have no business witnessing baseball. And if you have same to spare after watching baseball, you have no business making love.

As pure finance, though, the love seat is the finest stroke of genius since Daniel Drew salted his cattle. The Phrygian king Midas, who had the O'Malley touch, could hardly have come up with a niftier way of transmuting people into gold. One would hope the Giant management would offer a similar innovation to the swingers at Candlestick Park, but the prospects are not bright. It is well-known that Mr. Horace Stoneham is a baseball man and not a love man. This is clearly too bad. No?

Loss Drops Tribe Quintet Out of Metropolitan Lead

Knocking El Camino College out of a first place tie in the Metropolitan Conference basketball chase, Valley College took over sole possession of the lead slot Friday night by dumping the Warriors, 87-72, before a packed house in the ECC gymnasium.

Jumping off to a quick 9-1 lead with two minutes gone, the once-defeated Monarchs wasted no time in displaying their superiority and were never headed from the opening tip-off.

Aggressive and hustling, the Valley quintet was unstoppable from the outside, as time and again Stan Swinger and Oliver Carter swished 20-25 foot shots.

THE MONARCHS controlled both boards, and most of the time Camino was given only one shot, and the rare occasions that the Monarchs muffed a shot, they always came down with the rebound and did not miss when given a second chance.

Swinger and Carter each meshed 20 points apiece to pace all scorers. Al Shapiro, 6-foot-6 center and the 6-foot-3 Swinger halted every ECC comeback attempt by clearing

the boards at crucial points in the contest.

DAN KARAVAS and Ron Dinnel each potted 17 digits to lead the Tribe's offensive platoon.

The victory shoved Valley into undisputed possession of first place with a 6-1 record and left Camino riding in second place tie with Harbor and Bakersfield with 5-2 slates.

ECC HAS NOW suffered defeat at the hands of East Los Angeles and Valley, while the Monarchs have succumbed only to Bakersfield.

Following the contest last

night at San Diego, El Camino enters the second round of Metropolitan Conference competition against Harbor on Friday at 8 p.m. in the EC gym.

THE SEAHAWKS shocked favored East LA Friday, handing the Huskies a 79-71 whipping. In the first conference encounter of the year, Harbor took a sound licking from the Camino five, but has responded in recent games and pulled to within one game of the loop-leading Valley juggernaut.

Harbor's only other Metro defeat came from Bakersfield.

Tartars Nip Lennox On Balanced Attack

Taking advantage of strong second and third quarters, Torrance High raced to a 62-58 Pioneer League cage decision over Lennox on Friday on the Lancer's court.

With four of the starting five hitting in double figures for the second game in a row, the Tartars overcame a 17-16

first quarter deficit and outscored Lennox 34-29 in the next two periods to maintain a very slim hope for the loop title.

Junior guard Ernie Clayton shoved 17 digits through the hoop to pace the deadly Torrance attack. Terry Greason contributed 15 markers, Lynn Archibald crammed in 12 more, and Steve Waters added his 10 points worth as Torrance overcame a startling effort by the Lancers to notch the win.

GENE HUNTER canned 17 points and George Richards and his brother Bill added 23 points as Lennox battled the Tartars on even terms for the majority of the contest.

Torrance runs into a shell-shocked Culver City combo on Tuesday in the Centaurs gym at 3 p.m. Culver City was dumped from the undefeated list on Friday when the Pioneer

League's top defensive squad, El Segundo, shut down the Centaurs, 39 to 36.

BEFORE the shocking upset, Culver had been coasting along on top of the heap with an unblemished record, but now finds itself in rugged competition with El Segundo, Aviation and Torrance for the top slot.

Ken Petersen, top gunner for the Centaurs, shoved in 14 points against the stingy Eagles to pace Culver City.

Baseball Sign-ups Set

Parents may register their children for the North Torrance Little League East Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the league's field at 190th Street and Arlington Avenue.

Tryouts will be held at the field Feb. 24, according to Sam Spinuzzi, league vice president. A birth certificate is needed when signing up.

TIED FOR SECOND

Harbor Maintains Pace, Nods East Los Angeles

Keeping pace with high-flying Metropolitan Conference basketball leader Valley, Harbor burrowed deeper into a second place tie with Bakersfield and El Camino Friday night by shocking favored East Los Angeles 79-73 in the Huskie's gymnasium.

With four of the starting five gunning in double figures, Harbor edged ahead after a 39-39 half-time deadlock to knock the Huskies out of the second-place slot.

Al Windfeldt and Wes Montgomery each threw in 17 points to guide the surprisingly strong Seahawk five. Neither Montgomery or Windfeldt got credit for high-scoring honors as 6 foot

East LA forward Felix Paterson tossed up 26 digits to pace all gunners.

ED BRISCOE contributed 16 markers and Al Ryan added 14 more as Harbor boosted its season record to 5-2 and kept pace with Valley, who boasts a 6-1 slate, losing only to Bakersfield.

Warren McCarns came off the bench for Harbor to plummel the nets for 10 more points and play an important part in the Seahawk's win.

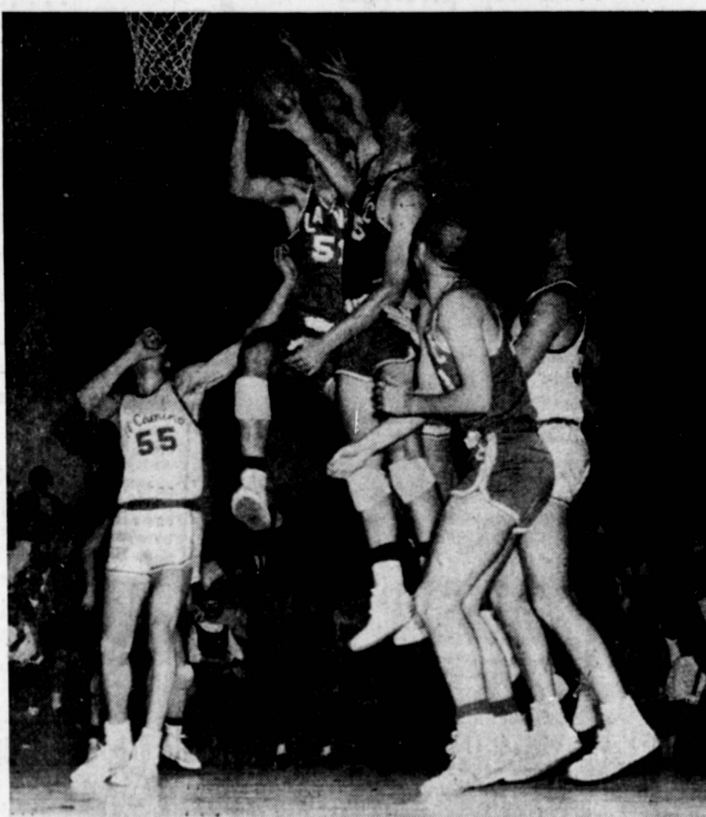
AFTER DROPPING its first Metropolitan clash of the year to El Camino, the Harbor quintet has bounced back to whip Long Beach, San Diego, Santa Monica and East LA, losing only to Bakersfield in the process.

Following a crucial contest against Valley last night, Harbor treks to El Camino on Friday at 8 p.m. in another important conference fray.



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MID-AIR STRUGGLE . . . Joe Borella, 6-5 Valley forward yanks down rebound in the Monarch's 87-72 decision over El Camino on Friday. Camino begins the second round of Metropolitan Conference action on Friday against Harbor at ECC at 8 p.m.

(Photo by John Roberts)

Saxons Wallop Leuzinger, Hubert Buckets 23 Points

Stepping into only its second Bay League win against five losses, North High waltzed over loop cellar-dweller Leuzinger on Friday, 69 to 49 before a near-capacity crowd in the Saxon's gym.

Leuzinger had won its first game in six outings on Wednesday against Morning-side, but did not have the guns to get by a high-scoring North triumvirate.

Carey Hubert, 23 points; Sparky Davidson, 18 digits; and Ron Strimil, 10 markers, scored 51 points between them to pace North to its second loop decision.

JUMPING off to a huge 16-7 first quarter lead, the Saxons outscored the Olympians handily in every quarter and the outcome of the contest was never in doubt after the opening tip-off.

On Wednesday, North ran into a brick wall in the form of Hawthorne and staggered away with a 73-62 defeat. Paul



HARDWOOD BALLET . . . Straining for a rebound in North's 69-49 victory over Leuzinger on Friday, a host of cagers do an athletic ballet. The Saxons encounter Inglewood on Wednesday on the Sentinel court.

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